



Ashbourne Allotment Association Limited

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 12th April 2023

Location: AAA Community Shed

In attendance were: Suzanne Norton (SN) (Vice Chair), John Scott (JS) (Secretary), Gill Reynolds (GR), Rick Plant (RP), Nigel White and Emma Dungey.

1.0 Apologies:

1.1 Barry Morrison (BM) (Treasurer), Max Hathaway (MH) (Treasurer), Nigel Coe (NC) (Membership secretary), Frank Jeffery (FJ), Harry Seed (HS).

1.2 Nigel White and Emma Dungey were invited to attend the meeting as both parties showed an interest in joining the committee

2.0 Financial report: (Max):

2.1 JS: presented the latest updated budgetary figures for the period ending 11/04/2023.

2.1.1 Monies in bank and available: £4,261

2.1.2 Cash balance: £1,062

2.1.2 Estimated income to be received: £3,431 (including rents and shop purchases) sales.

2.1.3 Estimated expenditure for 2023/2024: £3,773

2.1.4 Estimated surplus for projects for 2023/2024: £4,481 (Outstanding invoices `payable` to the value £442.80 to be taken into consideration.

2.2 The committee agreed to go forward with the present financial plan.

3.0 Membership (Nigel):

3.1 Waiting List at this date:14;

3.2 Vacant plots available at this date: 1, possible 2

3.3 Rents payable for 2023: Confirmation awaiting from MH of total payments received to date.

4.0 DDDC Matters:

4.1 SN: The signed Lease is awaiting final action by the DDDC solicitor.

4.2 JS asked SN to contact with Joanna Hill the Climate Change Officer at DDDC, to obtain more details regarding an event at Matlock, where we have been asked to promote 'grow your own' and discuss the benefits of allotments with residents



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5.0 Secretary (John)

- 5.1 JS: informed the committee that Mick Chell has decided to resign from the committee. Many thanks to Mick for his assistance to the committee over the past years.
- 5.2 JS: The committee welcomed new committee members, Emma Dungey and Nigel White
- 5.3 JS: Outlined the need to introduce new committee members, it was agreed to ask Glenn Cook to see if he would be willing to join the committee.
- 5.4 Shop: The Potato and Onion collection from the shop went well.
- 5.6 JS to investigate a notice board to fit to the Car Park table.
- 5.7 New weighing scales and measuring tapes have been purchased for the shop.
- 5.8 A new notice for the car park table: `Please remove any goods/produce if not taken within 1 week` is still required. Action JS

6.0 Plot Inspections (Harry/Frank/Rick)

- 6.1 First plot inspections will commence in April. Nigel White agreed to give assistance. RP: to arrange a suitable inspection date.
 - 6.1.1 A survey and count of the rat boxes to be done during the plot inspections.
- 6.3 JS: New plot numbers are available for fitting to plot sites.

7.0 Website update. (Gill)

- 7.1.GR: to continue to add the minutes to the website.
- 7.2 SN: added Emma Dungey and Nigel Whites names to the WhatsApp group.
- 7.3 JS: To supply GR the latest AAA shop price list to add to the AAA website.

8.0 General Site Condition and Maintenance

- 8.1.JS: Local flooding in the car park still needs BM and his digger to level out the car park.
- 8.2 Compost bins need a final tidy before the `bulk` compost delivery is made. RP and JS to action. Target to be available by Monday 17th April.
 - 8.2.1 Metal fencing to be re-arranged as a security screen around the compost bin.
- 8.3 RP to investigate further deliveries of wood chips.
- 8.4 Mains water has been restored to the site, after repairs to the pipework.
- 8.5 Complaints have been received with regard to the difficulty of using the Main gates lever latch. The committee recognizes the problem and will investigate.
- 8.6 JS: to investigate where the second trolley is.
- 8.7 Shooters: our present shooters (rabbits and pigeon's) are no longer available. RP to investigate alternatives.



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9.0 Projects.

9.1 Bulk purchase of compost. BM: to go ahead and to purchase 20 tonnes of compost at £25 per tonne. Delivery will be at an extra cost.

9.1.1 Agreed: price £1.50p per wheelbarrow load to AAA members.

9.2 Larger generator for Community Shed: Action: BM to obtain a quote

9.3 BBQ: Agreed to change the date for the BBQ to July 8th 2023. Emma Dungey to assist JS on new publicity.

10.0 AOB

10:1 JS raised the issue of a AAA member being a nuisance to other members, RP agreed to have talks with the member concerned

Next meeting: 6th June 2023, Time 7pm Venue: AAA Community Shed

John Scott
19th April 2023